



STATE OF MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

November 7, 2013

Mr. John Ihle
Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC
27451 South Highway 34
Barnesville, MN 56514

RE: *In the matter of the Large Wind Energy Conversion (LWECS) Site Permit issued to Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC Project in Todd and Otter Tail Counties IP-6629/WS-07-297* **Letter - Notice of Intent to Revoke** for Failure to Comply with the Terms and Conditions of the LWECS Site Permit

Dear Mr. Ihle:

On May 19, 2009, Bear Creek Wind Partners, LLC (Bear Creek or Applicant) was issued an LWECS Site Permit for its 47.5 megawatt LWECS Bear Creek Wind Project in Todd and Otter Tail Counties. On September 28, 2011 the Commission issued an order extending the site permit to allow two additional years to construct and secure a power purchase agreement (see Site Permit Conditions III.J.4. and III.K.2). If either of those conditions were not met, the Applicant was to inform the Commission of the reasons. In addition, the eDockets record does not show documentation of compliance with Site Permit Condition III.K.9 which requires that the Applicant provide the site permit to local residents and bodies of government.

The Commission has reviewed the Department of Commerce, Energy Environmental Review and Analysis Unit (EERA) compliance evaluations filed on February 15, 2013 and on September 12, 2013 and the Commission is in receipt of the EERA's October 17, 2013 letter to the Commission documenting and outlining the above listed compliance failures.

At this time the Commission requests that Bear Creek respond to the compliance issues outlined in this letter and the EERA letter dated October 17, 2013 **by November 21, 2013**.

If no response is received the Commission will initiate revocation proceedings as outlined in the issued Site Permit and in Minnesota Statute § 216F.04 and Minnesota Rule 7854.1300.

If you have any questions regarding this matter please contact Tricia DeBleeckere, Commission staff at tricia.debleeckere@state.mn.us or at 651-201-2254.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary

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